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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
10 AT SEATTLE

11 SHARA CAWLEY-BRUSO, et al.,

12 Plaintiffs, CASE NO. C19-478 MJP

13 v. MINUTE ORDER

14 RAY KLEIN INC,

15 Defendant.

16 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable Marsha
17 J. Pechman, United States District Judge:

18 Plaintiffs have filed a Motion to Strike Amended Answer and Counterclaim (Dkt. No.
19 12), asserting the Defendant's amended answer and counterclaim were filed without obtaining
20 either the consent of Plaintiffs or leave from the Court as required by FRCP 15. Defendant's
21 response is that it was informed by chambers staff that it was permissible to file amended
22 pleadings prior to the amended pleadings deadline without need for a motion. Dkt. No. 13 at 1.

With no interest in fixing fault for this misunderstanding, the Court informs all parties
that, following the 21st day after the docketing of a pleading, amended pleadings must be filed in
conformity with FRCP 15; i.e., either by agreement of both sides or with leave of the Court. The
Amended Answer and Counterclaim (Dkt. No. 11) is STRICKEN and Defendant will be
permitted to file a motion seeking leave to file the amended pleading.

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7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

8 Filed September 16, 2019.

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William M. McCool

Clerk of Court

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s/Paula McNabb

Deputy Clerk

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